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INCREASE EXPLOITATION OF PETROLEUM, COAL

PETROLEUM DRILLING INCREASES -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 105, 4 May 50; No 106, 5 May 50

Petroleum drilling is now being carried out in Dolnja Lendava, in Gobjlo near Kutina, in Sumacani near Zagreb, near Petesevci, in Velika Greda in the Banat, and near Ulcinj, not far from the Albanian border.

The refinery in Sisak increased its production capacity by 10 percent and completed its plan for April on 25 April.

The first large shop of the drilling equipment factory in Sesvetski Kraljevac near Zagreb began operation on 1 May 1950. It will serially produce not only spare parts for drilling equipment, but also the entire equipment itself. At first the factory will produce parts for the petroleum pumps in Dolnja Lendava.

In addition to the first shop, which is equipped with all the necessary machinery for the repair and production of spare parts for drilling equipment, another shop, which is four times as large as the first shop, is under construction. This shop, which will cover an area of 1,600 square meters, will be used later for repairing drilling equipment, while the first shop will produce oil-drilling towers and various drilling equipment parts.

By the end of 1951, this large petroleum-equipment combine will produce all the necessary drilling equipment for the production and processing of petroleum. The combine will supply equipment not only to drilling enterprises, but also to enterprises which obtain petroleum from shale.

RIJEKA REFINERY TO UP OUTPUT -- Borba, No 122, 23 May 50

Rijeka, 22 May -- By 29 November, the new solvent department of the Rijeka petroleum refinery is expected to be in operation. The installation of machinery in the department began in January 1950. The department will

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produce high-grade oils for transformers, turbines, and motors. These oils thus far have been imported from abroad. In addition to motors, compressors, and various machinery, about 4 kilometers of piping will be installed in the large shop of the solvent department.

The department for the manufacture of gasoline, kerosene, and various distillation oils will expand its production by 70 percent in the near future.

COAL MINE GETS NEW SHAFT -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 114, 15 May 50; Ljudska Pravica, No 91/II, 16 Apr 50

At the Velenje coal mine in Slovenia, a new shaft, which will have a capacity 3.5 times greater than the old shaft, was begun in 1947. This shaft, completed in the beginning of 1950, is 375 meters deep and 7 meters wide. Thus far, 1.5 kilometers of a 2-kilometers tunnel have been completed. The tunnel will connect the old shafts with the new one. The remaining half mile is expected to be completed by July 1950.

Construction of a 43-meter tippel for the hoisting winch has begun. The winch will be able to hoist coal from a depth of 1,000 meters. The coal will be hoisted from the shaft by means of two large skips, both of which will be able to hold four mine carloads of coal. The loading and unloading of mine cars will be mechanized. When hoisted, the coal will be automatically sorted and shipped either to the thermal power plant at Sostanj, which is under construction, or to the railroad station.

This year a standard-gauge railroad track will be constructed between Sostanj and the new shaft at the Velenje mine. A new separator with a transformer station will be virtually completed by fall. The new shaft is expected to be in operation in October. Once the new shaft is fully equipped, it will be used for hauling coal from the old working places. The coal from the old working places will be transported through the tunnel, which is now under construction, to the new shaft. The old shaft and the small air shaft will be used for the transportation of construction material.

This year's coal production at the Vlenje mine will be 30 percent larger than in 1949. Within a few years the mine is expected to be producing ten times as much coal as before the war.

In 1949, Slovenia produced 110,000 tons of coal more than the plan called for.

12,121,000 TONS OF COAL IN 1949 -- Ljudska Pravica, No 111/II, 10 May 50

In 1939, Yugoslavia produced 6,068,000 tons of coal and 1,000 tons of petroleum, while in 1949 it produced 12,121,000 tons of coal and 62,608 tons of petroleum. From domestic ores, Yugoslavia produced 101,000 tons of iron in 1939 and 190,590 tons in 1949.

Thus far only 240 mining engineers have graduated from Ljubljana University.

TO REOPEN ISTRIAN MINE -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 106, 5 May 50

A few days ago, work began on the reopening of the anthracite mine at Sicjole in the Free Territory of Trieste. In 1945 the mine was flooded. The water will be drained out of the pits by means of pumps.

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The mine is expected to be in full operation in September 1950. It will cover the needs for coal of the surrounding area and will provide some for export.

Anthracite from the Sicjole mine is better than the coal from the Rasa mine.

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